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SUBJECT: DISTRIBUTION OF 18 WESTERN PUBLICATIONS

REF: MOSCOW 5402, MOSCOW 4254

1. RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH FRG, FRENCH AND DUTCH PRESS OFFICERS,
AND CORRESPONDENTS OF NYTIMES AND WASHINGTON POST HAVE FAILED TO
CLARIFY STATUS OF 18 WESTERN PUBLICATIONS SUPPOSEDLY BEING DISTRI-
BUTED IN USSR.

2. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH SOYUZPECHAT OFFICIALS, ALLIED EMBOFFS
GOT LESS INFORMATION THAN WAS REPORTED IN MOSCOW 5402 WHILE
MAINTAINING THAT THEY WERE IN FACT DISTRIBUTING INCREASED NUMBERS OF
WESTERN PUBLICATIONS, SOYUZPECHAT OFFICIALS CLAIMED THEY DID NOT
KNOW IN WHAT LOCATIONS OR IN WHAT QUANTITIES. DUTCH COMPLAINT THAT
NO PUBLICATIONS FROM THEIR COUNTRY WERE CONTAINED ON LIST WAS
MET WITH SHRUG.

3. FRG OFFICER HAS HEARD UNOFFICIALLY THAT LARGEST CIRCULATION
AMOUNTS TO 50 COPIES FOR ENTIRE COUNTRY, WHILE FIGURES FOR SOME
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PUBLICATIONS ARE EVEN LOWER, AND DISTRIBUTION IS LIMITED TO VIE

OR SIX MAJOR CITIES.

4. NEITHER WASHINGTON POST NOR NEW YORK TIMES CORRESPONDENTS
HAVE FOUND ANY EVIDENCE IN WASHINGTON, NEW YORK OR MOSCOW THAT
THEIR PAPERS ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED AS CLAIMED. POSSSIBILITY
EXISTS, REMOTELY, THAT SOVET EMBASSY WASHINGTON IS PURCHASING
ADDITIONAL COPIES FOR PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION IN USSR.

5. APPOINTMENT WITH MEZHDUNARODNAYA KNIGA STILL PENDING.
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